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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

ELECTRICAL SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Administration Report of the Electrical Department for the year 1937-38.

READ—

Letter No. 8550, dated the 26—28th October 1938, from the Chief Electrical Engineer in Mysore, submitting the Administration Report of the Electrical Department for the year 1937-38.

ORDER NO. E. D. S. 1844-66, DATED BANGALORE, THE 31ST JANUARY 1939.

Demand, Collection and Balance.—The gross demand for the year was Rs. 74,72,561 including the previous arrears of Rs. 6,69,016. Against the budget estimate of Rs. 63,38,500 under "Receipts" and the revised one of Rs. 65,21,000, the collections aggregated Rs. 67,66,377, showing an increase of Rs. 2,45,377 over the revised estimate. The arrears at the end of the year stood at Rs. 7,06,184 as against Rs. 6,69,016 during the previous year. As already observed in the last year's review, many of the municipalities and village panchayets are badly in arrears. The matter of arriving at the solution of these deficits is still under the consideration of Government.

2. *Working Expenses.*—The working expenses under "Power" and "Telephones" amounted to Rs. 21,71,277 during the year.

3. *Revenue Returns.*—The net revenue for the year amounted to Rs. 42,95,100 after adjusting the annual contribution to Depreciation and Provident Fund Contributions as against Rs. 41,59,486 during the previous year.

4. *Capital Outlay.*—The capital outlay under "Power," excluding Stock and Suspense, amounted to Rs. 23,40,457.

The capital outlay incurred on the Automatic Telephones during the year amounted to Rs. 81,041.

5. *Total Capital Expenditure and Net Returns.*—Under Hydro-Electric Works, the total capital cost, inclusive of capital on Telephones to the end of the year, as per the Finance and Revenue Accounts, was Rs. 352·81 lakhs. The total capital expenditure on the combined Hydro-Electric and Irrigation Works to the end of the year under report aggregated Rs. 8,11,03,293. The net revenue on the combined scheme is Rs. 44,70,401 which amounts to 5·51 per cent on the combined outlay.

6. *Electrification of Towns and Villages.*—As in previous years, the scheme of electrification of rural parts continued to make good progress. The net return on these schemes worked up to 9·78 per cent as against 6·99 per cent in the previous year.

Irrigation Pumps.—The works noted below are some of the important ones that were carried out during the year under supply of power to irrigation pumps:—

(i) Running power lines to and connecting the Irrigation Pump of Mr. A. Sivanna at Ayarahalli.

(ii) Running power lines to and connecting the Irrigation Pump of Mr. K. T. Narayana Gowda, Kalludi.

(iii) Running power lines to and connecting the Irrigation Pump of Mr. Drury, Hessarghatta Road.

(iv) Running power lines to and connecting the Irrigation Pump of Government Orchard, Hessarghatta.

(v) Running power lines to and connecting the Irrigation Pump of Mr. Dhanaram at Yeswantapur.

(vi) Running power lines to and connecting the Irrigation Pump of Mr. N. C. Nagiah Reddy.

Power Generated.—The total power generated during the year in Kilo Watt Hours was 238,582,090 as against 225,180,720 during the previous year. The average working cost per unit of power generated, including depreciation and other charges, was 1·970 pies as against 1·729 pies during the previous year. The slight increases are due to—

(*a*) the transfer of the expenditure on maintaining the Krishnaraj Sagar Dam to the Electrical Department from this year;

(*b*) the increase in the rate of depreciation contribution from 2 to 2½ per cent; and

(*c*) the capital expenditure on Projects such as the Shimsha New Project, the Jog Falls Project and several large Town Electrification Schemes having not yet begun to earn revenue.

8. *Power and Lighting Installations.*—At the end of the year under report, there were 4,340 power installations and 34,671 lighting installations as against 3,747 and 31,777 during 1936-37 and 3,472 and 27,718, respectively, at the end of 1935-36.

9. *Depreciation Fund.*—The amount credited to the Depreciation Fund was Rs. 8,54,638. The total amount that stood at its credit at the end of the year was Rs. 71,37,129.

10. *Contribution Works.*—The cost of works executed for other departments of Government amounted to Rs. 3,90,742 as against Rs. 98,083 in the previous year and Rs. 87,697 during 1935-36.

11. *Stores.*—The value of stores purchased was Rs. 18,02,015, against Rs. 17,17,913 for the previous year and Rs. 13,21,085 during 1935-36. Out of the total value of Rs. 18,02,615 for the year under review, a sum of Rs. 7,74,118 represents foreign purchases. The remaining amount of Rs. 10,27,897 was incurred on local purchases. It is reported that the Stores Management Committee examined in detail during the year the stores of the whole department in the several sections and have fixed the maximum and minimum limit of each item of stock required in each section for the normal operations of the department. It is further brought to notice that the stores balance, exclusive of unserviceable articles, amounts to Rs. 20,15,635 and is well within the normal limits recommended by the above Committee and is about 70 per cent of the average annual issues of stock articles. The report containing the recommendations of the Stores Management Committee should, however, be expedited for the orders of Government.

12. *Accidents.*—There were ten fatal accidents during the year against nine in the previous year and seven during 1935-36. Of the ten accidents, six relate to laymen coming in contact with live wires, two to malicious interference with power lines and one to a villager committing suicide. The other one relates to a departmental employee at Kankanhalli coming in contact with the high voltage equipment. All possible precautions are being taken by the department to avert such accidents in future.

13. *General.*—During the year under review, service was given to Bhadravati Old Town and seven other villages, *viz.*, Gulur, Nadige, Bidarhalli, Begadi, Lakshmidevapuram, Hadonahalli and Herebidnur. The Bangalore Automatic Telephone Exchange was opened for service on the 1st September 1937 with a capacity of 500 subscribers. To meet the immediate demand, an estimate amounting to Rs. 43,700 has been sanctioned during the year for extending the exchange to accommodate 700 subscribers. Even this extended unit is expected to be utilised immediately the additional equipment is put into service. The Chief Electrical Engineer has submitted another estimate amounting to Rs. 5,15,000 for providing additional equipment. From the above progress, it is gratifying to note that the advantage of telephone communication is being fully availed of by the public.

The new balancing reservoir constructed in connection with the IX Installation Scheme was completed and water let in on the 7th June 1938.

With a view to afford relief, rules were revised for the supply of irrigation pumps on the hire purchase system which reduced the rate of interest on the balance of instalments from 6 per cent to 5 per cent.

14. *Conclusion.*—The working of the department continued to be satisfactory during the year.

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Electrical Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Sanctions the appointment of five gentlemen as members of the Committee of the Public Branch of the Mysore Government Life Insurance Department for a period of three years from 1st January 1939.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 8956-9015—G. F. 373-34-2, dated 15th June 1935, increasing the number of elected members of the Public Branch of the Mysore State Life Insurance Committee from three to five with effect from 1st January 1936.

2. Government Order No. Fl. 5601-3—G. F. 161-35-2, dated 10—13th January 1936, sanctioning the appointment of five gentlemen who secured the highest number of votes as Members of the Mysore State Life Insurance Committee (Public Branch) for a period of three years from 1st January 1936.

3. Letter No. A. 262, dated 22nd December 1938, from the Secretary, Mysore Government Life Insurance Department, stating that the term of office of the five gentlemen referred to above was due to expire on 31st December 1938, arrangements were made for a fresh election and requesting sanction to the appointment of the undermentioned five gentlemen who secured the highest number of votes as members of the Committee of the Public Branch of the Mysore Government Life Insurance Department for a period of three years from 1st January 1939.

1. Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar, B.A., B.L., Advocate and Municipal Councillor, Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore City.
2. Mr. P. H. Krishna Rao, M.A., Secretary to Government, Local Self-Government Department, Bangalore.
3. Mr. H. B. Gundappa, B.A., B.L., President, District Board, and Member, Mysore Legislative Council, Hassan.
4. Mr. B. Ramachandrachar, Helper, Mysore Government Life Insurance Department, Bangalore.
5. Mr. Abdul Aziz Khan, B.A., Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

ORDER NO. FL. 5150-4—G. F. 223-38-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 6TH FEBRUARY 1939.

Sanctioned.

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Financial Department.

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